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LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF RWANDA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request you to circulate the text of my letter of
22 February 1993 as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jean-Damascène BIZIMANA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Rwanda
to the United Nations

Annex

Letter dated 22 February 1993 from the Permanent Representative
of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of
the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the armed conflict affecting Rwanda and to request the deployment of a team of United Nations military observers on both sides of the frontier between Rwanda and Uganda, the country from which the Rwandese Patriotic Front, composed essentially of Rwandese refugees, has been attacking Rwanda since 1 October 1990.

In spite of the efforts undertaken to seek, through negotiation, a solution to this conflict, efforts which led to the signature on 12 July 1992 at Arusha of agreements providing, in particular, for a cease-fire, the situation on the ground is still very disturbing. This is demonstrated, in particular, by the resumption, since 8 February 1993, of hostilities in the northern part of the country on the initiative of the Rwandese Patriotic Front.

The Rwandese Government hopes that a peaceful negotiated settlement may be achieved as soon as possible in order to put an end to this conflict. It is resolved to continue his efforts to this end within the framework of the process begun at Arusha, where political negotiations made headway with the signature of the Protocols of Agreement on the constitutional State and on power-sharing.

At the same time, the Rwandese Government is seriously concerned by the consequences of the conflict, in particular, because of the close ties that link the population groups of the Rwanda-Uganda frontier, which has for two years been the theatre of hostilities that constitute a threat to regional and international peace and security.

In order to anticipate these risks and promote respect for the cease-fire and the search for a negotiated solution, the Rwandese Government believes that the deployment of a team of United Nations military observers on the international frontier separating Rwanda and Uganda would make an essential contribution. Such a team might, in particular, be entrusted with the task of ascertaining that no military assistance, in men or in equipment, reaches Rwandese territory from Ugandan territory.

The Rwandese Government expresses the wish that you bring this request to the attention of the Security Council, so that the Council may authorize you to request the Secretary-General to take the necessary and urgent measures for the deployment of such observers.

(Signed) Jean-Damascène BIZIMANA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Rwanda
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